

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education

3b. GSA Committee No.

28

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/26/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

09/26/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

38 U.S.C. 3692

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 3692

13. Effective Date

03/16/1966

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$750.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$75,550.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00

0.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee is charged with assessing Veterans' educational and employment requirements in conjunction with educational and technological advances in their various fields. The Committee provides recommendations to the Secretary in the administration of the educational programs under title 38, United States Code. This year, the Committee did not hold a meeting. For next year, the newly appointed Chairman will focus on supporting the Secretary's mission and VA's priorities, to include Improving Customer Service and Business Transformation. The Committee is particularly interested in assuring educational opportunities are available to eligible Veterans and to enable them to readjust to civilian life and become productive members of a highly educated and productive work force. Public Law 115-48, Title III, Section 306, reauthorized the Committee through December 31, 2022.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee is comprised of eminent representatives from education, labor, and management. With their varied backgrounds, the members bring to the Committee expertise on 1) Active Duty service; 2) experience using the GI Bill education programs to further their own education; 3) Reserve and National Guard affairs; 4) institutions of higher learning; and 5) apprentice and on-the-job training programs. Close attention is given to equitable geographic distribution and to ethnic and gender representation.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

By charter, the Committee is expected to meet at least once annually. In FY 2018, the Committee did not hold an annual meeting. The current committee's membership term expires in June 2019.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Committee members offer a wide range of experience on past and current education policy and procedures and Veterans' needs.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Veterans Benefits Administration is confident the Committee will provide relevant and timely recommendations on education benefit programs to VA, especially about the

Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Principles of Excellence. Education Service values the role the Committee has been serving in its advisory capacity to the Secretary. The new Chairman was appointed in September 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Lucas Tickner Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Halfaker, Dawn	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Halfaker and Associates	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harris-Hooker, Sandra	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Morehouse School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haycock, Ashlynn	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	TAPS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kinch, Abby	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Chapter President, SVA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lyon, Jared	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	President, SVA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Jefferson	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Senior Legislative Advisor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miyares, Javier	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	University of Maryland University College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tilley, Jack	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	former Sergeant Major of the Army	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wallace, Robert	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wescott, Joseph	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	North Carolina State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
White, Kyle	10/17/2017	06/30/2019	Medal of Honor Recipient	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans and servicepersons, reservists, and dependents of veterans under Chapters 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 of Title 38, and Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

☐

Other

☐

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

☐

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

80

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is the total number of recommendations for FY 2003 through FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

40%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

40%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided through written responses to the Committee's recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A